

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on February 7, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dan Weinberg, Chairman (D)
Sen. Lynda Moss, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 144, 2/2/2007; SB 93, 2/2/2007;
SB 312, 2/2/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 144

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:07 **REP. ARLENE BECKER (D)**, HD 52, opened the hearing on **HB 144**, Clarify waste management laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:41 Rick Thompson, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:11:12 Roy Kemp, DEQ

00:11:36 Mark Cadwallader, Attorney, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:27 Sen. Gillan to Rep. Becker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:11 Rep. Becker closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 93

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:57 **SEN. GERALD PEASE (D)**, SD 21, opened the hearing on **SB 93**, Revise and fund service area authorities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:43 Sen. John Esp, SD 31, Big Timber

00:20:15 Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:22:12 Tracy Velasquez, Montana Mental Health Association

00:24:53 Mary Prothero, Helena

00:27:14 Anita Rossman, Montana Advocacy Program, SAA Board

00:29:00 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic, Montana Children's
Initiative Provider Association MCI

00:30:32 Tom Paluso, Central Service Area Authority

EXHIBIT (phs27a01)

00:35:43 Kurt Chisholm, Montana Chapter of National Association
of Mental Illness (NAMI)

00:36:38 Bob Ross, South Central Montana Mental Health Center

00:37:31 Kathy McGowan, Montana Community Mental Health Centers

00:37:56 Anita Rossman for Tom Bartlett, Chairman Western
Service Area Authority

EXHIBIT (phs27a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:38:59 Lou Thompson, Mental and Addictive Disorder Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:39:26 Sen. Pease closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 312

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:40:48 **SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT** opened the hearing for **SEN. GREG
LIND (D)**, **SD 50**, on **SB 312**, Restricting certain
credentialing in exchange for medical privileges.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:08 Dr. Kurt Kubicka, Montana Medical Association

EXHIBIT (phs27a03)

00:48:38 Dr. Jim Elliott, Billings Physician Alliance,
Orthopaedic Society

00:52:46 Dr. David Chamberlain, Butte

EXHIBIT (phs27a04)

00:57:31 Dr. Mike Driscoll, Butte

00:58:35 Dr. Pete Hanson, Helena

00:59:07 Rob Gagnon, Yellowstone Surgery Center, MASC, Billings

01:00:22 Rep. Scott Mendenhall, HD 77, representing himself

01:04:29 Yvette Worman, Helena Sleep Diagnostics

01:06:31 Debby Thorpe, Helena Medical Laboratory

01:07:32 Chris Monroe, Nurse Practitioner, Butte

01:10:12 Dr. Pete Sorini, Neurosurgeon, Butte

01:11:37 Jack Avery, MRI Center

EXHIBIT (phs27a05)

01:12:56 Dr. Keith Popovich, Internist, Butte

01:14:16 Dr. Ken Hunt, Family Practitioner, Butte

01:17:12 Dr. Ralph Costanzo, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Billings

01:18:25 Dr. John Pullman, Internist, Butte

EXHIBIT (phs27a06)

01:18:56 Dr. Timothy Rue, Great Falls Clinic

01:20:00 Dr. B.E. Wynea

01:22:26 Mona Jamison, Great Falls Clinic

EXHIBIT (phs27a07)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:30:45 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

01:33:28 Dr. Brett Kronenberg, Butte

01:35:05 Dr. Sharon Hecker, Cardiologist, Butte
01:40:02 James Kaiser, President and CEO, St. James Healthcare,
Butte
01:42:36 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals
01:46:06 Dr. Keith Lara, Emergency Physician, Kalispell
01:49:52 Jim Oliverson, Hospital Administrator, Kalispell
Regional Hospital
01:52:00 John Solheim, CEO, St. Peters Hospital
01:54:25 Rick Hayes, Board of Directors, St. Peters Hospital
01:57:02 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

EXHIBIT (phs27a08)

Informational Testimony:

02:07:55 Amy Astin, Benefis Healthcare

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:09:04 Sen. Esp to Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals
02:10:50 Sen. Esp to Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association
02:15:58 Sen. Esp to Sen. Lind
02:18:06 Sen. Gillan to Mona Jamison, Great Falls Clinic
02:24:39 Sen. Gillan to Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association
02:25:11 Sen. Gillan to Rep. Scott Mendenhall
02:26:31 Sen. Gillan to Dr. Jim Elliott, Billings Physician
Alliance
02:27:54 Sen. Weinberg to Jim Oliverson, Hospital Administrator,
Kalispell Regional Hospital
02:33:25 Sen. Weinberg to Sen. Greg Lind
02:36:04 Sen. Esp to James Kaiser, President and CEO, St. James
Healthcare, Butte

02:40:20 Sen. O'Neil to Dr. Jim Elliott, Billings Physician
Alliance

02:42:12 Sen. O'Neil to Jim Oliverson, Hospital Administrator,
Kalispell Regional Hospital

Closing by Sponsor:

02:43:15 Sen. Lind closed on the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:02 P.M.

SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([phs27aad.pdf](#))